

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC §112 first paragraph.

In the preceding Office Action (the final rejection of November 13, 2007) claims 1-13 (sic-claims 1-8 and 10-13) were rejected under 35 USC §112 first paragraph as failing to reply with the written description requirement. The Examiner indicated there is a lack of descriptions to how "solvates and hydrates are produced".

Accordingly, Applicants have canceled the term "hydrate or solvate" from independent claim 1 and have changed the word "converting" to reacting as suggested by the Examiner.

Having fully responded to the preceding rejection, Applicants respectfully submit that the previous rejection of the claims under 35 USC §112 first paragraph is now moot, withdrawal of the rejection and passage of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8693.010.US.

Respectfully submitted,



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